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THINKING OUT LOUD

By H. M. L.

Probably in all of our country's history no man ever went into the White House with the people more in accord, praying that he may use the vast powers of his office wisely and well. We think his opening statement before the congress a fine statement by an earnest, modest man, determined to administer this government to the very best of his ability.

We have read various biographies of Harry Truman and we confess we like them. Even his failure a good many years ago in a haberdashery store was in a sense a tribute to his good sense. He had sense enough to quit when he found he could not make a profit. That experience may be worth something to the American people now. A man who has failed once will not want to fail again.

Truman's statement that he wants advice, and every new president certainly needs a lot of advice, is reassuring. What we are mainly concerned with, is who gives him advice, and whose advice he follows: With reservations we hope he will listen to the advice of Byrnes, Baruch, and, in international matters, Sumner Wells. We hope he will turn a deaf ear to Wallace, Hopkins, and Ickes.

While we are hoping that Truman can cope with the most tremendous job ever to face a new comer in the White House, we express an auxiliairy hope that he may be able to dispense with the services of Stettinius, as soon as decently possible, Perkins, forthwith, Ickes, before we become the Soviet of the Interior. Morganthau, after this next bond drive, and Biddle, before he hauls the entire country before the supreme court.

We never have been very keen about appointing members of the opposite party to cabinet posts. Either of the great parties should have within their ranks, men able to take the responsibility of leadership under the president in the several administrative departments. Something may be said for appointments of the loyal opposition leaders to government posts in time of war, but as a matter of fact, it has a distinct tendency to break down the lines of party and trends definitely toward a one party government. If President Roosevelt, for instance, had named Hoover, Langdon, Wilkie, and Dewey to cabinet posts, and all had accepted, the surviving black Republicans would have had to hunt for their party with lanters and magnifying glasses.

We do not how much our president from Missouri is moved by ambition, but viewing his background, we do not think he will be as history conscious as was his predecessor in office. We have a high respect for the Baptist conscience. We can do with a little humbleness in high places, political places. We thought well of his biblical reference to the duty of public servants. We hope he will spread that kind of religion in Washington. We are completely tired of being reformed against our will. To illustrate, we do not like Ickes because he has tried repeatedly to overrule the majority of San Francisco with regard to their electric power arrangements, and a few years ago seized a large tract of California land, against an almost unanimous vote of our state legislature.

We have nothing especially against Stettinius, but we believe a steel master is not likely to succeed as a secretary of state. Biddle is extremely quarrelsome and we think he should be ousted and a better tempered man installed as an attorney general. We have to pay handsomely for his bad digestion or whatever it is that gives our status quo the jitters. One doesn't have to say what's wrong with Miss Perkins. We all feel the same way about her, even the radicals. Morganthau, who was a gentleman farmer before he became the nation's banker, is so much a misfit that one feels his entire administration of the treasury has been a masquerade. A dreamy gentleman composing poetry in a flowery meadow, confronted by an insensate bull, imperosantes a matador.

We doubt if President Truman will be in hurry to make changes. A good deal is involved, when the head of a cabinet post is replaced. A good many millions of dollars, and now-adays hunlreds of thousands of employes in many of the departments, have to be considered. But at least we can hope that the overburdened tax payer will have surcease from such sorrow as in both paying his taxes, and seeing much of the money carefully tamped down rat holes.

GRASS VALLEY COUNCIL BUYS NEW FIRE TRUCK

The Grass Valley city council has authorized the purchase of a new fire truck for $9600 less two per cent for cash, which the council will pay. Two bids were considered and the lowest accepted.

Fire Chief Clare Hughes, Assistant Chief Les Cigogni and Jack Harris, president of Board of Fire Delegates thanked the council equipping them with a new modern piece of apparatus.

The councilmen also voted to supply a new diving board for the municipal pool, approved an overhaul job on the police car, ordered the doors of the Protection and Eagle fire house to be repaired and widened, and took under consideration a request for a ten year contract with the Grass Valley Garbage Company. The long contract is asked because the company expects to purchase new dump grounds and does not wish to make the outlay unless protected.

The council agreed to provide the lighting for the soft ball series in Memorial Park this summer.

FISHING BEGINS NEXT TUESDAY

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26—The greater portion of California will be open to trout fishing (except golden trout) on May 1, and in these open districts the outlook at present is for fair fishing on that date. Many of the small streams are now clear and should remain this way in low altitudes areas, but if warm weather prevails, streams heading in high elevations will be roily on the opening of the season. according to wardens of the State Division of Fish and Game. Snow is still deep in the high mountains, and many roads impassable.

Fishermen are reminded that certain districts do not open to trout fishing until May 30, and these include District 1 3-8 (except Mariposa and Tuolumne Counties) 23 (except Truckee River, Boca Reservoir, Lake Tahoe and Donner Lake) 25 (except Lake Almanor) and District 2 1-2. There are also streams and lakes closed by special order of the director of natural resources, of which lists are available at all fish and game offices.

Everyone over the age of 18 years except members of the armed forces, is required to have an angling license to fish for trout.

AUSTRALIAN TO GIVE LAST OF FORUM LECTURES

The last in the successful series of four lectures offered as a public service by the Nevada City Rotary Club and the local schools will be presented tonight, Thursday, in the Elementary School Auditorium, at 8 p. m.

Australian born and educated, Archibald Gilchrist will be the speaker. His address will correlate a discussion of Australia, New Zealand and the islands of the South Pacific and the current San Francisco security conference. Gilchrist's Australian experience as newspaper editor and legislator qualifies him to dis-cuss the South Pacific with authority.

Those who have season tickets are asked to present them at the door. The public is invited free of charge.

PLACER, NEVADA COUNTY SHEEP GROWERS MEET

Sheepmen of Placer and Nevada Counties will have their field day today at the Lime Kiln Ranch in the western end of the county. The program will open at 10:30 a. m. and following picnic lunch will continue in the afternoon.

The field day was arranged by the Agricultural Extension Service and V. M. Shepard, extension specialist in animal husbandry. Robert F. Miller, professor of animal husbandry in the Davis experimental station will discuss "improvement of wool and range flocks." Chester Wing, secretary of the California Wool Growers association will speak on "marketing and sheep outlook". Dr. John A. Britton, veterinarian of the experiment station at Davis, will discuss "parasites and diseases of sheep." Shepard will tell of methods to improve range flocks.

TWO HOURS WORK SIX TONS OF CLOTHING

The United Nations Clothing Drive Sunday resulted in the collection, in two hours, of six tons of used clothing for shipment to war destitute abroad.

Lions and Rotary Club members supplied trucks for the collection and Boy Scout troops manned the trucks and gathered bundles from front porches.

Gilbert Tennis, chairman of the drive, expressed his satisfaction in a good job well done. The clothes were stacked in the basement of J. C. Penney Company for packing, preparatory to shipping.

CLARK CARTER ARRIVES HOME

Clark Carter telephoned his uncle, George Carter yesterday requesting him to meet him in Sacramento as he wanted to get away from the city to rest. His wife and daughter remained to meet her mother, who is returning from the Philippines on a hospital ship.

CITY WORKERS TO AID FARM HARVESTS

Plans have been drafted for recruitment of city workers in the 1945 harvest on a standby basis, Edson Abel, chairman, San Francisco Wartime Harvest Council, announced today.

"The council will stand by to recruit city volunteer workers, both student and adult, in the event that a shortage of agricultural workers might develop this season," Abel explained.

At a meeting of the council executive committee, a program for the recruitment and placement of volunteer workers was prepared based on the council's three years of experience in this activity.

Northern California farm groups and agencies are urged to communicate with the council at the earliest possible date whe nthey find that labor supply shortages are indicated.

"The San Francisco wartime harvest council, the first volunteer movement of its kind in the country to recruit city workers to meet the emergency on farms in neighboring regions ,is anxious to serve California agriculture and war effort again this year," Abel declared, "and will stand ready to assist if farmers find that there will be a dearth of agricultural workers for their harvest season."

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Woods of Oceanside arrived in Nevada City Monday to look after property interests and spend time among friends.

WHAT MANNER OF MAN IS HARRY TRUMAN?

By Clem Whitaker

To a majority of the American people, the late President Roosevelt came as near to being "the indispensable man" as any leader this nation ever has known, but in the universal plan no mortal man yet has won that accolade.

Thus America, recovering from the first stunning shock of the death has had to say in effect during recent days what the British says in an hour of national mourning—"the king is dead; long live the king."

And the eyes of 130,000,000 people have turned almost with one accord, in friendly, hopeful appraisal of the new president who has taken over the reins of government—and who must cope, not only with the problems of war, but with the titanic prolbem of winning the peace and leading his country through the critical years of post war adjustment.

What manner of man is Harry S. Truman? Is he equal to the job? How will he compare with Roosevelt?

These are the questions on the lips of untold millions, not only in America, but in all the world that has learned to look to America as a defender of the weak and oppressed—and as a champion of the dignity and liberty of man.

There are certain known facts about President Truman, however, which may light the way to better understanding of events ahead.

Harry S. Truman is no Roosevelt; in his abilities, in his background, in his philosophy of life, President Truman bears little resemblance to Roosevelt except that he matured in the same political party.

Roosevelt was a personal president, whose powerful personality dominated all around him—and who often ruled the congress and the judiciary just as much as he directed the executive branch of the government. Roosevelt was a phrase maker, a brilliant campaigner—a man who captivated the people and won the grudging admiration even of his enemies.

President Truman, according to his colleagues, will be a cabinet president, depending on his ability to surround himself with capable men and his capacity as an administrator to achieve a successful administration. He will get cooperation from congress because congress likes and respects him. He will cut government costs because he doesn't like waste and extravaganve. He will be a humable president, not overly swayed by ambition; a diligent, hard working, but unspectaular president. And his admirers insist he will fight just as hard as Roosevelt did to bring lasting peace to a troubled world, but will probably drive harder bargains with other nations.

How will he measure up to Roosevelt? Only the course of future events can answer that. But this much is certain: History will view the two men as a study in contrasts. No two occupants of the White House ever were more dissimilar.

Joaquin Lopez Succumbs to Heart Attack

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in Hooper and Weaver Mortuary in Grass Valley. for Joaquin Lopez, who died suddenly of a heart attack at his home on Long Street in Nevada City. His body was found in a chair by Charles Graham Sunday afternoon. Resting his head and arms upon a table, he had apparently gone to sleep.

Lopez was 52 years of age and was born in Nevada City. His earlier years were spent in teaming, driving stage, and jerkline teams attached to freight wagons. Of late he had engaged in a general trucking business.

Surviving him are his daughters, Mrs. Harold Foote of Quincy, Plumas County and Mrs. Alex Ford of Grass Valley.

Rev. Patrick O'Reilly conducted the services and interment was in the Catholic Cemetery of Nevada City.

TWO GRADUATES OF NEVADA U AT PEACE MEET

Two University of Nevada journalism graduates are playing important roles at the United Nations conference which opened in San Francisco this week.

Miss Frances Armbruster, who was graduated in 1932, served as assistant conference editor. She is a member of the editorial section of the U. S. Department of State.

Robert C. Miller, '38, United Press war correspondent, helps cover the conference for that press association and writes a special signed story for it each day.

As assistant conference editor, Miss Armbruster, and those who work with her, will edit all documents which go through the conference duplicating processes, including the daily journal, minutes, final acts, etc.

The San Francisco conference assistant editorship is the fifth important meeting to be handled by Miss Armbruster.

She served as editor of the journal at the Bretton Woods monetary conference and the Chicago international civil aviation conference. Before that, she was assistant editor of the first two international food and agriculture meetings at Atlantic City and at Hot Springs.

Miller in addition to general news coverage for United Press at the conference, will write a signed, 5-minute commentary for the early morning UP wire to radio stations throughout the nation and in foreign countries.

The UP man was wounder while covering the advance of Patton's army on Verdun in the Battle of France and awarded the purple heart. He also covered D-day operations and was on a bomber and sunk transport.

One of the arliest correspondents in this war, Miller covered the entire Guadalcanal campaign and received medals, citations and other awards for the quality of his work there.

Other University of Nevada journalism graduates probably will cover part of the conference for their papers, among them Nita Reifschneider of the Redwood City Tribune.

S. F. TREE PLANTING PROGRAM PROPOSED

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26—The San Francisco Art commission has voted to ask Mayor Lapham to set up a $50,000 fund to finance a tree planting program in San Francisco during the 1945-46 fiscal year.

Beniamino Bufano, local sculptor and member of the commission initiated the project which envisages an annual expenditure of $75,000 to $100,000 to plant and maintain trees on residential and business streets.

S. F. HAS LOWEST STATE TAX BENEFITS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26—San Francisco county, which pays the second highest state taxes in California gets the smallest return in highways, schools, old age pensions, child care, and similar grants, an investigation made by Assemblyman G. D. Collins of San Francisco has revealed.

In 1943-44 Los Angeles county paid $265,500,000 state taxes and got back 54c on each dollar; San Francisco county paid $76,245,000 and got back a little under 41c; Alameda county paid $43,600,000 and got back 61c. By contrast, Alpine county got $17.43 for every dollar spent. Mono county $6.81 and Del Norte county $2.34.

When the state department of finance announced that for 1945-46 San Francisco would again pay $1 to the state for every 41c it received, Assemblyman Collins introduced a bill to enbale any county to arrange with the state to have special county taxes collected along with regular state taxes. This would permit San Francisco or any other county to levy a special income or sales tax of its own without having to establish an entire new collection system to obtain the needed revenue.

THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE OPENS

San Francisco this week—and perhaps for a few months—is the spiritual capitol of the free peoples of the world.

To San Francisco have come the leaders and statesmen of our allies to try once more to fashion a world peace order which shall be free of war and assure us of lasting peace and security. With them go our hopes and those of our allies.

The meeting is saddened by the death of President Roosevelt. But his determination to rid the world of war and aggression is finding new expression among the leaders and, what is more important, the peoples of this country and the world.

To express this resolve in behalf of the American people, San Francisco has arranged a program which is to exemplify the deep concern for the success of the conference held by all of us. The keynote of all such affairs is that our guests shall see the average, normal life of a democratic American city in its day to day activities.

San Francisco, like the rest of the state and nation, realizes that behind the formal documents of the conference, there must be understanding and good will among the peoples of the world. And San Francisco will attempt to exemplify that spirit to the conference.—Contributed.

WHAT IT WOULD COST IF SOME BILLS PASS

Nevada county's postwar property tax rate could go up 48 cents per $100 of value, based on this year's valuation, if the legislature does not shelve the five kinds of proposals befort it to further liberalize California's aid to the aged, California taxpayers association said today, analyzing the effect on local taxes of typical plans now before the legislature.

The annual cost of old age assistance to the local county property tax payers could go up from the approximately $27,000 of county cost for this fiscal year to $117,000 in postwar years, the association said. State and federal costs in the county could also go up from the present $247,000 a year to $776,000 a year.

The five kinds of costly proposals the taxpayers association said, unless defeated by the legislature would:

1—Take out of the law the already lenient provision that relatives who are financially able must contribute to the support of their needy parents.

2—Lower the age of eligibility from the present 65 years to 60 years, with a ten year residence requirement for needy persons in the 60 to 65 age group.

3—Increase the present highest in the nation aid of $50 per month, to $60.

4—Further liberalize the law with respect to allowable earnings and income.

5—Provide for $100 county contribution to burial costs.

If all these proposals were passed by the legislature, California's present aid to the needy aged, which totals $91,000,000 this fiscal year, could go to $297,000,000 in the post war years. The 9,000,000 share now being paid for by property taxpayers could go to $39,000,000. The state's present $45,000,000 share could go to $182,000,000. The cost to the federal government currently $37,000,000 could go to $76,000,000.

California is already the most generous state in the union in the care of needy aged people. Action by the legislature in January in fixing the aid at $50 a month keeps California at the head of the list in the maximum payments per person. Further liberalization should be refused by the legislature.

MORE RED CROSS CONTRIBUTIONS

Mrs. Richard Goyne, secretary of the Nevada City Red Cross Chapter yesterday reported two more cash contributions to the recent Red Cross campaign. They are the language class of the Nevada City high school, $16.70 and Mrs. Margaret Kelly of North San Juan, $1.00.

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U. S. WON'T BE ASHAMED

When United Nations representatives pulled up their chairs around the conference tables in San Francisco on April 25 our own country's delegates had reason to feel a vast relief.

On the very eve of the meeting, the scheduled shutdown of light and power services in Northern California bordering the bay area, anticipated in the midst of the international negotiations, was called off by intervention of the Army and Navy. To unions voting the strike to obtain new WLB wage rulings, the board sent this warning directive:

"You are aware that if a power shutdown occurs it will have an irreparable and adverse effect upon critical war production. You and each of your members should consider your responsibility toward military food, equpiment, munitions and lives that may be lost as a result of such strike action."

In a vital war production area and at the seat of the world conference, and such disruptions would, of course, have been keenly embarrassing to the American government. But national chagrin is not the only consideration. If lives were endangered and war losses threatened by such a strike during the conference sessions, surely the danger is little reduced after the conference has adjourned.

If union leaders can't devise means of treating with the WLB without putting the heat on our fighting men, then it would seem better thinking to hold off until the victory is ours and strike action carries no threat to those who are fighting a foreign enemy for their lives and our welfare.—Contributed.

CANADA HAS MEAT

It's hard to know just what the real score on rationing is: even the U. S. Senate Food Committee investigating the OPA is having trouble finding out.

One agency buys all the potatoes of a whole potato producing area—and pays the farmers for burying them in the ground. Another urges citizens to grow more potatoes because a big shortage is coming. Products are destroyed on one hand to keep prices up, and all manner of controls are put in operation on the other, to keep prices down.

Congress has been seething over reports the U. S. was flatly refused when it tried to buy huge quantities of Canadian beef recently—but news services report that there is so much meat over our northern border that it is wholly unrationed!

Ham costs 25 cents a pound—and there is plenty of it: hamburger 20 cents, prime ribs 28 cents, teabone steaks 38 cents.

Considering the growing difficulty of getting meat on American tables, and the immense requirements for lend-lease shipments to Britain and Europe, perhaps Canada should take over the lend leasing—if indeed it has so much meat it doesn't have to collect ration points on it.

On a mileage basis at least, Canada is about as close to those in need as we are.—Contributed.

Long Distance reminder for Spring
Today and tomorrow and every business day something like four million Toll and Long Distance calls will be going over Bell System lines.
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FRED GARRISON WRITES OF HARD LIFE IN GERMANY

Mrs. Ed Martine received the following letter from Technician Third Grade Fred Garrison Tuesday. He began his newspaper work in the Nevada City Nugget and few people realized that this bright, lively high school youth would travel so far in the work that seems to appeal to him most. The letter follows:

Somewhere in Germany, 12 April.
My dear Mrs. Martine,

I know you will be surprised to hear from me. It isn't because I haven't thought of you—many times and wished you were here to enjoy this wonderful news story with me. It's a wonderful "news story" all right, but it's pretty horrible—but isn't news in general most of the time? The worst happenings are the best news they say—if that's so, here is the story of the century.

Have been in Germany for quite a while and can say that it is really something. We are with the U. S. Ninth Army and have been for a long time. You know how they are moving—so you have an idea how we are living. We have lived in bombed out farmhouse cellars, dance halls, farmhouses, homes, schools, mines, rationing board offices, stores and I still wouldn't trade Nevada City's "dump" for any of it here.

The German people are tired, homeless and scared. The stories that have filled their minds about the Americans are remembered. They look at you with a "blank" look—wondering just what it is all about, but they are surprised to see that even though we come as captors, we are not demons or madmen we have been reported to be. All of it is pretty horrible. Their homes are destroyed, their water and electricity are off, their men gone to war for Hitler, or are dead.

What little possessions they have left are those they carry with them, and they wander hopelessly around their country hunting for a place to land where war won't be with them, but they won't find a place, Mrs. Martine. The allied nations will continue to fight until they give in. Every little village, farm and hamlet in Germany have felt the horrors of war. Of course, what they don't realize—but are slowly learning, is that they, as a terror ridden nation, brought this same frustration on France, Holland, Russia, Austria, Belgium and all of the other nations.

The country is really beautiful, Mrs. Martine, and it's a shame that a nation can't keep a level head and preserve her beautiful country with peace. The Rhine River sector is one of the most beautiful parts of Germany I have seen. Their magnificent churches are seen at every crossroads, as are crucifixes. Surprisingly to me, the German nation is a religious nation and it is a mystery how their evident love of God was so cowed by the nazi party to lead their men into this war.

It is true the only Germans I have seen (that is, the soldiers) are the dead ones or the prisoners of war. The ones I have seen are either very young, or very old. Volkstruhm as you know consists of only the older men. We see them all over—they are tired and beaten. Some of them I understand only had 14 days training and then were sent to defend their "vaterland" which is know really "kaput"—the German word for ended.

What I really wrote to you for, besides saying hello, was to send you these German stamps which are inclosed. I think you will like them—maybe you already have some. Anyway, I have been saving them for you—I still remember your collection.

I am fine and well. I enjoy my my work very much and do work hard. Please tell Mrs. Sharfe hello for me, and that I am writing her in a couple of days and for her to take care of herself. Give my best regards to Ed. Mr. and Mrs. Leete, George Richards, and all of my friends. May everything go well with you.

Always your friend,
FRED C. GARRISON.

WASHINGTON NOTES

By Congressman Clair Engle

WASHINGTON, D. C. April 26—A speech by the president to a joint session of congress is always a dramatic occasion. The last two have been particularly so — Roosevelt's report on the Yalta conference and President Truman's first speech on the policy of his administration.

The most dramatic moment of the latter occasion was when President Truman was announced and started down the center aisle. The occasion had been so solemn—a pall from Roosevelt's death seemed to hang over the proceedings. The senate, the supreme court, the cabinet and the representatives of the foreign governments had all silently and solemnly filed in. There had been no applause or demonstration for any of these except some strained necks to see Lord Halifax and Anthony Eden. President Truman started down the aisle and there was a brief moment of silence, tension—nobody seemed to know whether there should be applause or not. Then applause started over on the aisle next to him and swelled into a tremendous ovation. The new president was off to a great start.

The reactions to his speech have been universally good. I haven't heard a single congressman make a derogatory remark about it. There seems to be a feeling that everybody has to get into the harness and pull a little harder and try a little harder to get along. I noticed the difference in the democratic cloakroom, where there used to be an undercurrent of dissatisfaction and more beefing than was ever aired on the floor of the house. If President Truman can hold the confidence and support which he now has in congress, it augurs well for the future of his administration.

It has been interesting to watch developments at the White House since President Truman took over. Some thought he would use the existing staff at least until he broke his own people in. But the old guard at the White House are completely out in the cold. Some of them are still there, but they don't do much—stand around and maybe tell someone where a paper is or something. But they haven't been called in to sit at the new president's side or to guide him. He moved his own staff in immediately—they started making the appointments for him and handling the whole job.

The new set up has made a great change for the newspaper men also. Some who never got a nod in Washington before are now in the top spots because they know Truman. They too have had to rearrange their schedule. Roosevelt, because of his infirmity moved slowly and only after a good deal of preparation, but Truman, active and vigorous, moved around and is liable to show up anywhere. The press could usually catch up with what Roosevelt was doing by getting started by ten in the morning, but Truman gets up at six and starts early. Newspaper men are notorious nighthawks and the new hours have been quite a change for them.

And incidentally, the president handled himself well at his first press conference. He conducted the affair with more order than Roosevelt used to have, gave the fellows in the back of the room a chance to ask some questions, and in general handled himself in such a way as to immediately win the respect of the newspaper men. He showed ability to dodge a tough question and to handle others very well. There was no disposition to hedge or ride the fence—he either answered the question, said he didn't know, or said he would not comment. And the newspaper men liked it.

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STOCKTON AIRPORT TO BE WAR TERMINUS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26—The far flung war installations of the San Francisco bay area now extend to Stockton, where the air transport command has taken over the $6-800,000 Stockton airport and will transform it into the terminus for high priority cargo and incoming Pacific Theatre wounded, it was learned today.

The First Military Air Transport, ferrying division, which will be in charge of the airport under Lieut. Col Lloyd A. Hardesty is the first group of its kind in ATC operations anywhere in the world.

Stockton Field has been a school for advanced flight training, the oldest in the west, but the schooling operations are now being removed elsewhere to make room for the MAT group.

BIRTH

McCULLOUGH—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, April 21, 1945, to Lieut. and Mrs. William C. McCullough of Mare Island and Grass Valley, a daughter.

EELGUM—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, April 20, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Knute Eelgum, a daughter.

McCULLOUGH—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, April 21, 1945, to Lieut. and Mrs. McCullough of Grass Valley and Vallejo, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kopp of Oakland spent the past week end in Nevada City looking after property interests.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Wisker and daughter of Sacramento spent the past week end in Nevada City visiting her sister, Miss Alma Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tucker employes of the state printing office in Sacramento spent the past week end at their home on Nile street in this city.

Outside the city hall in San Francisco is a statue of Lincoln by Haig Patigan, noted California scluptor.

The Health Center Building in San Francisco Civic Center includes the Central Emergency Hospital.

The main public library in San Francisco is the site of the former city hall destroyed in the 1906 earthquake and fire.

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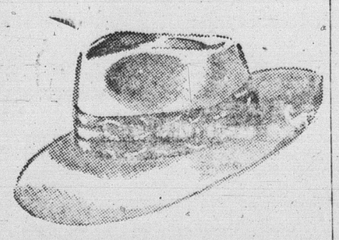

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FARM NEWS

AAA OUT OF FARM TRANSPORTATION JULY 1—Farmer applications for farm trucks and for farm truck or other form gasoline may not be filed with AAA after June 30, was the announcement made today by L. E. Sleeman, chairman of the Nevada County AAA committee. Farmers must apply directly to ODT and OPA after that date. Funds alloted to AAA for administration of the farm transportation program will be expended at the close of the fiscal year and will not be replenished.

AAA was given the responsibility for servicing farmer applications shortly after gasoline rationing was instituted in 1942. Special farm transportation committees were appointed in all counties to obtain the widespread local coverage. Scores of thousands of farm gasoline applications and appeals have been filed with county AAA offices annually. These same California AAA transportation committees processed 9585 new farm trucks applications from January 1943 to April of this year. As farm trucks got older these applications have increased. For example, a total of 917 new farm truck applications were processed by California AAA during March.

The Nevada County farm transportation committee has done an admidable job and has served untiringly without compensation.

SCURPLUS PROPERTY DISTRIBUTION—Disposal of surplus farm machinery, trucks and other consumer goods is transferred from treasury procurement to the department of commerce headed by Henry A. Wallace. The former secretary of agriculture who is himself a farmer is fully aware of farm needs.

The surplus property board has assigned disposal of surplus agricultural and forest lands to the department of agriculture. Other disposal of surplus assignments include grazing and mineral lands to the department of the interior; government housing development lands to the national housing agency; and all real property not otherwise classified to the federal works agency. Reconstruction finance corporation will handle disposal of capital and producers' goods, including aircraft. War Food administration will continue to distribute agricultural commodities and food.

SENATE UPS FARM FUNDS—The senate agricultural committee recommends that the department of agriculture receives a $594,724,527 appropriation for the year beginning July 1. This is $18,291,827 more than was recommended by the house. Some items increased are $10,000,000 for conservation materials advance purchase; $3,000,000 for development of forest roads and trails; $1,350,000, for enforcement of WFA milk orders; $536,292 for experiment stations. The 1944 USDA appropriations was $567,096,508.

1945 WAR FOOD GOALS STILL FIT—After reviewing the entire food situation, WRA reports to the nation farmers that production in line with the 1945 state production goal is even more important than when these goals were established by farmers and agricultural leaders on the basis of war requirements. He emphasizes that the need is great for farmers to meet this huge production schedule which will again require the surmounting of many war time handicaps.

Although reports show farmers will plant close to the high goal levels planting intentions need to be increased for the oil crops, potatoes, sugar beets, dry beans, sweet potatoes, feed grains anf forage crops, and supplementary hay and pasture. Farmers in spring wheat areas are asked to plant some of their intended spring wheat acreage to other needed crops such af flaxseed and barley. Increases are being urged in milk production, cattle slaughter and pig farrowing.

CALIFORNIA RANGE NOTES — Range conditions in several areas of California are far below what was expected from early indications. Continued cold weather and drying winds have prevented forage from developing and much of it is below normal at this time in volume, though of good quality.

A late season is in prospect for the high mountain meadow country. As late as last week winds of blizzard like proportions raged over the eastern side of the Sierras, and very little new growth has appeared to date.

A substantial snow pack, however, assures adequate water fof the seasons irrigation needs, and some further increase in plantings of clover and grass mixture is planned. In some central areas of the state there are exceptionally good stands of bur clover where feed crops have been favored by more rainfall and less cold weather.

CROP INSURANCE PROGRAMS PENDING—Widespread crop insurance participation is expected in California's 1946 wheat, cotton, and flax crops. Work on tabulating acturial date is in progress in county offices and 1946 wheat crop insurance will be available early next fall. Wheat insurance contracts run for three years.

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"The Lord will perfect that which concern me: thy mercy, O Lord, endure for ever" (Psalms 138:8). This is the golden text for the Christian Science lesson sermon subject "Probation after Death" for Sunday, April 29.

Included in the sermon is Revelation 21:7: "He that overcome shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." A corelative citation from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy reads: "Suffering, sinning dying beliefs are unreal. When divine science is universally understood they will have no power over man for man is immortal and lives by divine authority," (p. 76.)

NEW PRESIDENT HAS BACKGROUND OF FARM LIFE

By Ralph H. Taylor

A Missouri farm boy, Harry S. Truman, whose family for four generations has lived at "Grandview", a rolling botttomland farm on the outskirts of Kansas City—and who hopes some day, when his public career is ended, to return to that farm—is the new president of the United States.

Of President Truman's principles and policies little is yet known, for he was suddenly catapulted from comparative obscurity into the most powerful office in the mightiest nation on the face of the earth.

There was a ring of deep sincerity and humility and high purpose, however, in his first message to congress, which may augur well for the future.

Coming into office at a time of tremendous crisis, and succeeding a man whose personality dominated the entire government, the new president said simply:

"Unquestionably we shall face problems of staggering proportions. However, with the faith of our fathers in our hearts, we fear no future."

Then again, in the concluding paragraph of his address, which was marked throughout by a note of humility, he declared:

"I ask only to be a good and faithful servant of my Lord and my people".

Only a hopeless skeptic, listening to his words, would doubt that Harry S. Truman, as he entered upon his duties as the president of the United States, was reverently conscious of the great responsibility suddenly thrust upon him—and earnestly determined to give his best in the service of his country.

Harry Truman, judging from his humble speech, and his career prior to his elevation to the presidency, would be the first to disavow any claim to greatness. He describes himself as "a common sense liberal." and as a man who knows the value of a dollar. That latter characteristic, incidentally, may have tremendous significance for this whole country during the critical years of adjustment from war time conditions to peace. For Harry Truman, if we can believe what his friends say in Washington has a firm belief in sound economics—and will do everything in his power to put an end to "deficit financing" as soon as conditions permit.

President Truman first gained the national spotlight, during his second term in the United States senate, as head of the Truman investigating committee— fighting extravagance and waste in war expenditures. Back in the early days of war preparations he jarred not only the senate but the entire nation with his documented charges of waste and slip-shod contracts in the government's handling of war production, with the result that war production authority was concentrated in one man, War Production Chief Donald M. Nelson.

Perhaps the most hopeful index of President Truman's character however, is that of all the congratulatory messages which have flooded in on him he liked best what his 91year-old mother said, when asked to speculate on his career.

"That boy," she said "could plow the straightest row of corn in the country."

There is nothing of the phrase maker about the new president. There is little of the color or the vibrant personality which enabled Roosevelt to push precedent aside and occupy the White House for more eventful years than any other president in the country's history.

But there are strong indications that the new president of the United States believes in the simple virtues and principles of old-fashioned Americanism—and that those who believe private enterprise is out-moded, or that the American form of government must be thrown overboard, will get little encouragement from him.

President Truman, according to his friends, learned his economics on the farm—and still believes in what he learned. He believes that a farm should operate at a profit, say his friends, and that a government should live within its income. As the president of the United States, these senate friends predict, he will be neither a leftist nor a rightist, but a middle of the road man always conscious of the fact that he is working for 130,000,000 people of varying political opinions.

We hope that size-up of Harry S. Truman is correct. If it is, the leadership of the nation is in good hands—and the farm boy from Missouri may achieve the greatness which he now disavows.

MEANING OF CALIFORNIA TOWN NAMES

San Bruno: For St. Bruno, founder of the Carthusian Order.

Cazadero: From the Spanish for hunting place.

Vacaville: For the Vaca family, once prominent Spanish residents.

Atascadero: From the Spanish for deep miry place—marsh or quagmire.

Arcata: From the Indian for where boats land.

Delano: For Columbus Delano, secretary of the interior under Grant.

Downieville: For Major William Downie, a 49er.

Kingsburg: From the name of the river and county, the kings, are the three kings or the three wise men of the bible.

SAN FRANCISCO SAYS IT WITH RHODODENDRONS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26—Coincidence of San Francisco's annual rhododendron week with the opening of the United Nations conference means that a special effort will be made to furnish the finest possible show of these California flowers, local authorities said today.

The main exhibits of massed rhododendrons will be in Golden Gate park and in Union Square, in the heart of the downtown district.

San Francisco's position as commercial floriculture center of the United States is due to the vast flower farms in Alameda, San Mato, Santa Clara and other surrounding counties. The rhododendrons is a cultivated variety of the wild California azalea.

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Charles Guenther—

Charles Guenther who enlisted in the U. S. Marines a year ago is now understood to be in the thick of the fight in the South Pacific according to a letter received by his grandmother, Mrs. Ida Guenther of this city. Monday. He said he was well but there was not much he could write about.

Harrison Randall—

In a letter to his mother, Mrs. Lyda Randall, received this week, Lieut. Harrison Randall states he is still on the Italian front, and that the nazis keep American troops extremely busy.

Pfc. Dahl Larsen—

Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Carl Larsen visited their son, Pfc. Dahl Larsen, in Hammond General Hospital in Modesto over the past week end. Dahl was shot through his helmet by a Jap on Cebu Island receiving the wound that paralyzed one side of his body. He is getting along fine now regaining sense of feeling in his face and side. A foot injury received several years ago prevents the foot from recovering as fast as the rest of his side. His wife who has been living with her family in Roseville, makes regular trips to the hospital each Wednesday.

Sgt. Bill James—

Sgt. Bill James, who is in the headquarters section of the First Air Service Area Command, has written his mother, Mrs. Nance James this week that he can now tell her he is in Casablanca, North Africa for the first time. He is getting along fine. Bill has been overseas since a year ago last January.

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

Dick Newcomb Goes Fishing by Proxy

Bob Newcomb used to be the best fly caster in the county. Never missed a Saturday at Seward's Creek. But come the war, and Bob's son going off in uniform, he just lost interest in things like fishing.

But the other day Bob got a letter from the South Pacific . . . kind of a homesick letter: "I'm thinking of you, Dad, fishing in Seward's Creek; cooking trout over an open fire; and keeping the beer cool in the stream. Keep an extra bottle cool for me."

So Bob spent his next day off exactly as Dick dreamed of his doing—fished Seward's Creek again, and cooked the trout, and kept the beer cool in the stream. And you knew he was doing it for Dick.

From where I sit, it's what the men overseas would have us do—keep alive the little customs, the small pleasures, they remember—keep them alive till they come home to share them.

Joe Marsh

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Helen Emlay has purchased the home of the late Mrs. Sheldon on Nevada Street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Muscardini went to Sacramento today to meet their grandson, Clement Henwood, paratrooper who received wounds in the European theatre of war. He has spent a few weeks in a hotel in Palm Springs with other wounded veterans and this is his first sick leave.

Bill Usrey, U. S. Navy, is here on leave visiting his mother, Mrs. Weber and other relatives.

Friends in Nevada City have received a message stating Sgt. Harvey Mosher, son of Mrs. Sylva Mosher, former local rural county school supervisor, was listed as missing in action in the European theatre of war. She also has another son and they have visited here often from the family home in Kelseyville. Sgt. Mosher's wife Lyra Mae Mosher, resides in Lakeport.

Douglass Farmer, who came in from Hawaii Sunday night, spent a short time here visiting with his wife and mother, Mrs. Harriett Farmer and left Wednesday for Alaska.

Mrs. Hunter and son, Jimmie, motored to Nevada City Thursday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Neita Reed. Mrs. Reed is the new stenographer in Attorney Frank Finnegan's office. Mrs. Hunter and son also visited the three aunts, Mrs. Adeline Curtis, Mrs. Emily Marsh and Mrs. Bessie McBride.

Complaint Filed to Abate Public Nuisance

A complaint for abatement of a public nuisance was filed Tuesday by District Attorney H. Ward Sheldon, against Angus Fox, owner of a bakery at 304 West Main Street, and Loyle E. Freeman, owner of the bakery premises.

The complaint brougmt by J. R. Dieffenbacher, inspector employed the state Department of Health, recites that Fox had conducted his business in such a manner as to constitute a violation of the California Food Sanitary Act.

Specifically it is complained that the defendant left food exposed to flies, dust and dirt, that dirt and waste were left to decompose and ferment on the premises, that utensils were used without being cleaned daily, that clothing worn by employes for work were not kept separate from clothes used by them during the work, and that the latter garments were not properly cleaned.

Walls and ceiling of the rooms in which bakery products were made, were not cleaned or painted, the complaint states, and cats and other animals were allowed to roam the rooms used for baking.

Lieut. Frank Fawcett Missing in Action

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fawcett have been notified by the War Department that their son, Lieut. Frank E. Fawcett, has been missing in action over Germany since April 5th.

Lieut. Fawcett was flying his ninth mission as a co-pilot on a B-24 Liberator bomber when his plane failed to return. He graduated from the Grass Valley high school in 1942 and entered training for the air corps in April, 1943. He left for overseas last January after completing his combat training at Mountain Home, Idaho.

He is a brother of Mrs. Irma Boutayne and of Harlon Fawcett.

Clay Pleads Guilty; to Serve Year in Jail

Cecil Clay, who had pleaded not guilty to a charge of burglary, Tuesday changed his plea to guilty, and was sentenced by Judge George L. Jones to one year in the couny jail.

Clay was arrested following a burglary of the Moran Pharmacy in Grass Valley on Easter morning. A trail of blood leading from the back door of the pharmacy on Mill Street to the back entrance of his home immediately in the rear and fronting on South Church Street, gave a clue to his identity. It is assumed that he wounded his hand in tearing off a piece of iron roofing in order to gain entrance to the pharmacy.

GRASS VALLEY DELEGATES

Delegates from the Grass Valley Business and Professional Women's Club have returned from the Northern District conference of the BPWC in Redding last week end and report honors conferred upon Mrs. Marie Williford, elected district first vice president, and upon Miss Betty Eldredge, chosen district auditor.

The delegates were Mrs. Veda Meeker, newly elected president of the local club, and Mrs. Kathryn Grant, Mrs. Williford and Miss Eldredge.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 70 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Special musical number. Sermon "The New Outlook", pastor, Closing hymn, prayer. Youth Fellowship group at 6:30 p. m. Preaching service at 7:30 p. m. The Odd Fellows anniversary service at 7:30 p. m. The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Grass Valley and Nevada City will be our guests.

Week events: The Priscilla Circle will meet Wednesday at 2 p. m. All members and friends invited. Bible study and prayer hour Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. The Welcome Strangers Bible class Friday at 7:30 p. m. All members and friends cordially invited.

Probate Asked for Will of Late John H. Hansen

Mrs. Clara V. Hansen, widow of John H. Hansen, one time mayor of Grass Valley, who died April 10th, has filed a petition for the probate of his will and appointment as administratrix of his estate. The estate is valued at not more than $6000.

Heirs named are his wife, three sons in the armed services, and two grandchildren. The sons are Robley E., Harold L. and Jack K. Hansen. The two grandchildren to whom $100 each is bequeathed, are the young sons and daughter of Robley E. Hansen.

Grass Valley Soldier Weds Chicago Girl

Pfc. William A. Elkus, home on a furlough from overseas duty, and Miss Lila Lillian Kerstein of Chicago, were married Sunday afternoon at a pretty nuptial ceremony in the Grass Valley Methodist Church. Rev. Mark Pike, pastor, performed the ceremony.

Members of the bridegroom's family and a few friends were in attendance. The happy couple are honeymooning in the vicinity of Soda Springs.

Will of Mrs. Mooser Filed for Probate

The will of Mrs. Grace C. Mooser was filed for probate Monday afternoon by the Bank of America Trust and Savings Association, which asked for letters of administration. The will bequeaths real estate, personal property and cash of about $15,000 value to two surviving daugters, Mrs. Lucile Lindley of Berkeley and Mrs. Alice Brochard, now residing in France.

Sgt. Leland Thompson, U. S. Marine corps, arrived Tuesday from the eastern states for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Ann Silva on the Murchie Road.

Henry Prisk, 51, began serving 30 day sentence in the county jail yesterday, following his plea of guilty before Justice of the Peace Charles Morehouse in Grass Valley to charge intoxication in the public place.

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CAMPTONVILLE PERSONALS

James Jeffery arrived Tuesday from Marysville enroute to Indian Valley.

George E. Dixon and Postmaster Maurice H. LeRoy of Dobbins were in town Saturday attending a lodge meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kasper of Nevada City arrived Saturday to spend a week at their home on Brandy Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Putnam and daughter of Wilmington, arrived Friday on a few days visit to their home here.

Mrs. Grace Pauly returned Tuesday from Marysville where she has been visiting her mother who is ill in a hospital there.

Fred G. Schmeichel left a short time ago for the Hawaiian Islands to spend a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Whitaker and son, Bruce, of Kelseyville visited friends in Nevada City Sunday. He was formerly employed in Harris Drug Store and left here two years ago to purchase a drug store in Kelseyville. He has now made additions and improvements to his store.

Railroad Noises

An editorial from the San Jose, California, "Evening News". (San Jose is on the main line of Southern Pacific's Coast Line)

WE HAVE always resented those snooty expressions, "across the tracks" or "down by the tracks," with their implication that there was something disreputable and socially low-life about living near railroad tracks. After living many years a block from the Espee's rails, we rise to say that there are many worse places to live.

Living close to the railroad has its obvious advantages when you are a boy. Where is there a more romantic place than the right of way, with wheezing switch engines, puffing freights (which travel so much faster now than they used to) and speeding passenger trains? Morning, noon and night railroading holds attraction for a boy, which is why so many of them go into it, finding a romance which never dulls until they die.

"But how can you stand the noise?" someone asks.

Far from being bothered by the noises, you get so you find them soothing and conducive to repose. You get so you can tell the freight trains from the passengers, and you distinguish the touch on the whistle rope of that individualistic engineman who makes his blasts so short, sharp and distinctive.

The various whistle notes represent to you these giant creatures of fire and steel talking to one another over long distances and on winter nights, when the wind is blowing and the rain is pelting against the windows it is pleasant to think of engineer and fireman, snug in their cab with the fire roaring below them, shunting lines of cars up and down the glistening wet tracks.

If these night noises from the tracks are comfortable and appealing to you during peace they have even more of these qualities during war. You realize that both the wars in which we are engaged are transportation wars and must be won not only in the foxholes and workshops but on the railroads as well. Some of the particularly long trains you hear puffing and snorting these nights are troop trains and others are weighed down with war's materiel. It is comfortable to reflect what a great job the railroadmen are doing, driving their trains and switching their cars 24 hours a day, even while you are asleep.

Back a few years, when trucks and buses started to cut more and more deeply into railroad revenues, with the airplane as an additional competitor just ahead, as a boy living near the tracks you may have wondered a little worriedly if they would put your old friends, the freights and passengers, out of business. It took the war to show that a nation's need of railroads continues, that no nation can be great and strong without them. You are reassured by that, and by the articles and drawings that have been published of vastly improved equipment which will help the railroads get their share of traffic after the war. Such things mean your friends will be able to stay alive and that, drowsily safe and comfortable, you will continue to hear the trains chugging and puffing through the night.

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